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SUBJECT: "JAPAN PROPOSAL" AND OECD MINISTERIAL

1. SECRETARY GENERAL HAS APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION ON MAY 20 DOCUMENT ON LONG-TERM RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSED BY JAPANESE. ADVANCE COPY WAS AIRMAILED TO EUR/RPE (LEVINE) TODAY.

2. DOCUMENT (C(75)75) NOTES THAT GOJ HAS INFORMED SECGEN OF WILLINGNESS TO MAKE "SUBSTANTIAL" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO RESEARCH PROJECT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OECD ON "THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" IF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ALSO PARTICIPATE. DOCUMENT PROPOSES THAT AD HOC MEETING OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS BE HELD JUNE 19-20, FOR PURPOSE OF REACHING BROAD UNDERSTANDING ON MAIN TOPICS ON WHICH RESEARCH SHOULD FOCUS AND ON MOST SUITABLE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE FORMAL COMMITMENT TO

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PROJECT AT A SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL MEETING.

3. SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US THAT COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO "NOTE" PROPOSAL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER MINISTERIAL MEETING.

4. MISSION COMMENTS: JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS TOLD US THAT FONMIN MIYAZAWA IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO REFER TO PROPOSAL IN HIS STATEMENT AT MINISTERIAL, ALTHOUGH IT WILL NOT BE CENTER-PIECE OF HIS PRESENTATION. JAPANESE AS WELL AS SECRETARIAT STRONGLY HOPE THAT SECRETARY WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY TO MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENT SINCE THIS WOULD ENSURE QUICK AND SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF PROJECT. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT ONE OR TWO OTHER MINISTERS (PROBABLY CANADIAN AND DUTCH) WILL ALSO ENDORSE PROJECT FOLLOWING MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENT.
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